

improve the sanitation coverage, Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) has been launched in 1999 and it is planned to achieve 100% coverage of rural households by the end of Eleventh Plan. TSC aims to ensure full sanitation coverage in all villages in the country with the help of State Governments and local Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). TSC projects are sanctioned district-wise, and entire rural areas of a TSC project district are covered under the programme. At present, this programme has been taken up in 569 districts in the country.

(c) Government has taken various initiatives to increase rural sanitation coverage, which include scaling up TSC projects in all districts of the country, increased budgetary allocation for TSC, launching of incentive-cum-reward scheme, Nirmal Gram Puraskar for Panchayati Raj Institutions, awareness generation activities and capacity development of different stakeholders etc. As per revised TSC guidelines issued in March, 2006, by the Government of India, Solid and Liquid Waste Management has been included as a component of TSC and up to 10% of the total project cost can be utilized for this purpose. Provision has been made for APL families who need assistance by providing soft loan through 'Revolving Fund' mechanism for construction of toilets. To increase the speed of providing sanitation facilities in schools and Anganwadi centres, requirement of community contribution for construction of toilets in the schools and Anganwadi centres have been removed. Efforts are being made to develop convergence with NRHM and SSA authorities for awareness creation and hygiene education among the people and children in the rural areas.

Land reforms with assistance from DFID

2401. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa Government has initiated second generation land reforms (mission bhoomi), with financial assistance from Department For International Development (DFID):

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) how far this will help to develop an effective and accountable land policy, by strengthening administration, to ensure equitable land distribution, etc.; and

(d) what are the details of financial/physical help rendered by the Centre to the State, to achieve this laudable objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A comprehensive proposal seeking Department for International Development (DFID)'s assistance was received from Govt. of Orissa for modernizing and reforming the land-administration system in the State. The project costing about Rs. 623.07 crore aims at strengthening the land administration through the introduction of comprehensive reforms of land tenure including titling, cadastral survey & settlement operations using hitech technology, land registration transactions through modern technology and streamlining the Revenue Laws. The key activities envisaged under the project are high tech survey & digitization of maps for development of Land Information System Management, infrastructure development, training and capacity development of revenue personnel, issue of computerized Land Pass Book etc. The project is to be implemented over a period of six years in three phases, each phase consisting of a period of two years. In the 1st phase the unsurveyed areas in eight KBK Districts viz. Kalahandi, Nuapada, Bolangir, Subarnapu, Koraput, Nawrangpur, Malkangiri and Rayagada are to be covered under the project. The Ministry of Rural Development had recommended the proposal to the Ministry of Finance which also recommended to DFID to grant Rs. 244.23 crores in the 1st phase.

(c) The present settlement process being undertaken under the provisions of Orissa Survey & Settlement Act are very time consuming and cumbersome. Adoption of new methodology envisaged by the State Govt, under the project will be cost effective, fast and flawless.

(d) The funding for this project is to be done by DFID. In the absence of their response, funds for the project have not been provided to the State Govt, so far.

Amount allocated under Centrally-Sponsored Schemes

†2402. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the amount allocated, spent and progress made during

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